



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/681,497
Applicant : Stephen G. Bales
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Title : Lignocellulosic, Borate Filled, Thermoplastic Composites
Examiner: Matthew J. Daniels
Art Unit : 1732
Docket No. : LA 001
Customer No. 000048373

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (OA) of April 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows"

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper. These amendments cancel any new matter as requested by the Office Action of April 5th.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing on page 5 of this paper. Claims 2, 6, and 14 were rewritten in independent form under 37 CFR 1.116 (2) as Applicant is preparing to appeal the Final Rejection. Claims 1 and 16 have the word "lignocellulosic"

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